# CHADDS FORD TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM

Board Members: Mark Stookey

Ted Mennicke Robert Lohr Amanda Konyk

Also Present: Valerie Hoxter, Sewer Authority Manager

James Flandreau, Solicitor Tom Leisse, Pennoni Associates

Mike DiSantis, DELCORA

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Stookey called the meeting to order, took attendance and reported that a quorum was established although Dennis Henry was not in attendance. This meeting was held virtually, and Mr. Stookey commented that the public was able to attend and participate via Zoom.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion and second (Mennicke/Lohr) the March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes were approved.

## **OPERATOR**

Mr. DiSantis presented his written report and further reported that there were no violations at either plant during the month of April.

#### MANAGER

Ms. Hoxter discussed the I and I (Inflow and Infiltration) issues at the Ridings Plant during heavy rain events. Don Denton from Pennoni has performed field research to determine where issues may be found within the service area. Maps were presented showing areas of concern and possible infiltration of ground water. Cleaning and televising of these lines is recommended to determine the need for rehabilitation in these areas. Authority Engineer, Tom Leisse of Pennoni estimated a cost of approximately \$95,150.00 to perform cleaning, televising and rehabilitation of the identified areas.

Upon motion and second (Lohr/Konyk) the Board unanimously authorized the Chairman or Vice Chairman to approve a contract for the sewer rehabilitation project consistent with the Engineer's estimate.

Another discussion pertaining to the I and I issues took place regarding the use of surge tanks to hold some of the heavy flows coming into the Ridings Plant during heavy rain events. DEP has indicated they do not approve of the use of overflow tanks for this purpose. There is the possibility of additional feedback to come from DEP on this matter. Mr. DiSantis suggested that a surge tank, if permitted, be placed at the Turners Mill Plant.

Mr. DiSantis indicated he believes most the Authority's inflow issues are the result of private properties' illegal connections of roof leaders and sump pumps. Smoke testing of the lines will show where roof leaders are draining into the sewer lines. The Board, its Solicitor, Engineer, Operator and Manager all agreed that there needs to be a lot of communication prior to a smoke testing program, as well as

coordination with the township. Supervisor Reiner was in attendance and commented that I and I is an important issue to address and indicted the Township supports the smoke testing program.

Mr. Leisse and Ms. Hoxter will explore the process, timeline and cost, as well as identify specific areas to test; and there will be a report given at the next meeting on July 20, 2021.

#### **ENGINEER**

Mr. Leisse presented his written report. He also presented an updated timeline for the Ridings Plant decommissioning, Estates Pump Station upgrades and the Turner's Mill Plant expansion with an estimated completion date of late September 2021. Material delays may affect the timing of the project.

#### **SOLICITOR**

Mr. Flandreau reported that most of his efforts have been covered in earlier discussions.

#### TREASURER

Ms. Hoxter presented her report and noted that the 2019 Annual Audit was complete. The 2020 Annual Audit field work has been done and a draft should be submitted by the auditors soon.

Upon motion and second (Mennicke/Lohr) the April 2021 ACH and check payments in the amount of \$70,144.30 were approved.

Upon motion and second (Mennicke/Lohr) the May 2021 ACH and check payments in the amount of \$107,271.48 were approved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Upon motion and second (Mennicke/Konyk) Resolution 2021-02 authorizing the Chadds Ford Township Sewer Authority to acquire (6) EDUs from Concordville Nissan was approved. Concordville Nissan, located in Concord Township, originally acquired the EDUs from Joseph Grace, did not connect to the Chadds Ford Township sewer system, has now been prohibited from connecting to the Chadds Ford Township sewer system, and is being required to connect to the Concord Township sewer system by Concord Township.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion and second (Konyk/Mennicke) the meeting was adjourned at 8:29PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Hoxter